

"LADY" BURGLAR IS PRETTY GIRL

Canadian Lass Admits That She Participated in Twenty-Two Housebreakings.

SHE TALKS THIEVES' ARGOT WITH PERT PRECOCIOUSNESS

"I Was All Flossed Out and Looked Cream and Peaches to the Bulls," She Avers.

By Leased Wire to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Referring to herself as Thomas Wandlass and then "Chicken Stail" and interspersing her narrative with thieves' lingo that would have baffled Josiah Flint, Rex Jean Mitchell, the 17-year-old girl, who was with Windlass, known as Hanley and "Handley," when he was in the act of breaking into Contractor Tapley's home in Pease, told in the Police jail today an astonishing story of how she participated in twenty-two burglaries within the last two months.

Then she told her story with a pert flippancy that was amazing in one that had been raised on a Canadian farm and had never seen a big city until a year ago. Looking like a pretty child with her hair up, she seemed not to have a nerve in her body. She said:

"Well, as long as you've got the stuff and Jim's record, I might just as well blow the town. Jim is the smoothest and cleanest man I ever met. He never concealed a thing from me from the first, and when he told me what he was doing and the edge it brought him in, I was game. He was a dress suit burglar, or what he called a 'super' worker. He would start out harnessed for a flash banquet and skin in a wide window while the people in the house were eating.

Burglars in Evening Dress.

"The first time I went out with him he rigged me up in evening gown and a big feather layout. The bulls all gave us the low head and never once did any of them tumble to our trim. Was I timid about it? Not a bit. I learned my lesson like a wise poodle and pulled Jim out of half a dozen tight places.

"The very first time I went out with him he used his gun and I had to stall a faint to make a safe getaway. I was all flossed out in a new black velvet dress and I looked some in the velvet and Jim looked some in the velvet. We passed a line of bulls in Beacon street and Jim gave them a million dollar bow.

I strolled along in front of the house, crossing over and back and taking it easy as if looking for my car. Next, Jim had no sooner got in than some old party next door got next and came out babbling like a wild man. Jim was trapped two ways. The bunch at supper ran out and the fellows next door piled into their little garden. There were those open doors, when the fanned houses they used to build in Boston before the flood.

Shoots Only to Scare.

"I thought Jim was going to get his then but as he ducked out of the window he'd jimmied, he pulled his gun and sent his neighbors scuttling. He had to shoot twice to scare off the folks behind him, and then I saw him top the fence on the street, I spilled my faint.

"That was my stall. When I dropped with all my elegant fixtures and made a quail before I turned white, the crowd all pulled away. This is what made it easy skipping for Jim. For he made his getaway before the fancy cops (plain clothes men).

"When I'd stall a faint," ran on the girl, in her low, calm speech, "I'd draw a flock of hens and nice old parties for sympathy. I'd take about twenty minutes to come to, and then call a taxi or hack, giving some bloomer address in a swell suburb. After that call in Boston we went up to Salem, and we turned the nut (replenished the tank roll), in two streets in less than an hour. It was my play to faint in front of the windows on the street if anybody was passing. Jim would be working in back. The crowd would come out from the side houses, and there was always some old fussy with a dish of water to spoil my feathers. That made me so mad that I'd be ready to bite. It slurred the roll some poor to keep me in feathers.

"Did I like the work? Well, it ain't slow, and there's some laugh in it. I don't care for a cent.

Perfect Gentleman

"And I want to say right here that Jim Handley not only took the part of a gentleman; he acts it. I never heard him swear, and he treated me as gentle and proudly as ever any gentleman treated a lady. I'd walk through the front door of hell for him, and I'd do it without blinking my eyes. I suppose I'm in bad in this case, but there ain't no use nursing your sore.

"I lived on a frozen farm back in New Brunswick, with frozen faces all around. What I craved for was life and a man who could be kind without being meanly about it. I picked Jim out as the man. He wasn't a tough, and he wasn't a meanie. He came of good folks and had learned to be a gentleman when a boy. He isn't afraid of anything living. He taught me his nerve and his talk.

"Would I prefer to lead another life? Not if I had to go back among frozen faces. I've had one year of life and sixteen years of ice."

The girl was transferred today from the Pease lockup to the county jail at Pease. She could not be looked lighter or trimmer than she did when she emerged from her cell. Her indifference to her situation was amazing. Her eyes were as untroubled as a child's.

Furniture Sale.

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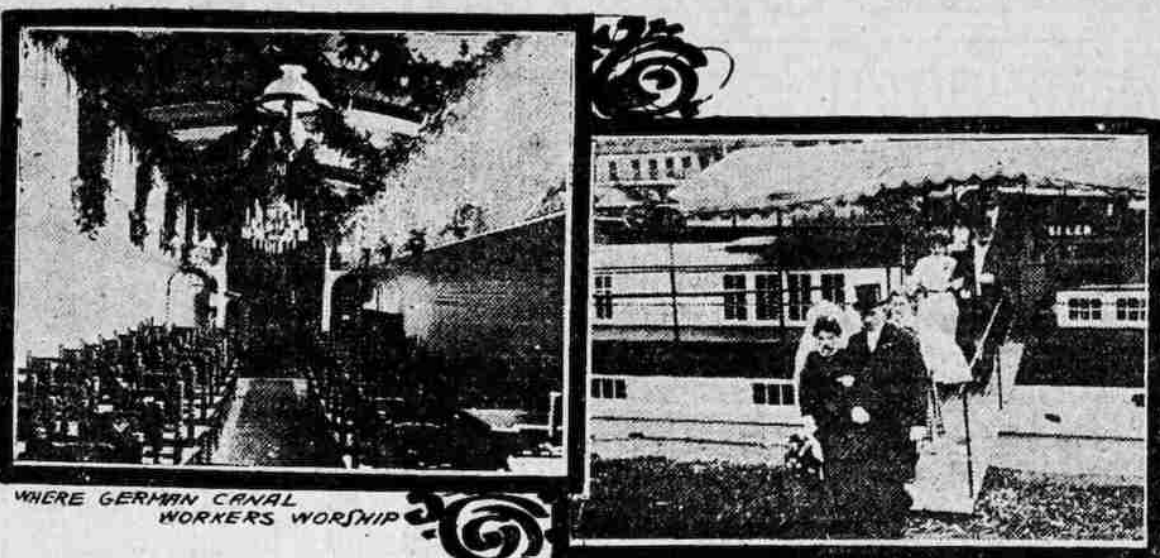
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CANAL BOAT AS CHURCH.

Special Cable to The Tribune.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Though busy with her court and domestic affairs, lately, the German empress has found time to show her interest in many works of charity. Germany is a land of canals, and the empress takes a special interest in missionary work among the canal boat workers. It is due to her patronage that floating chapels have been located in thirty-seven canal boat basins. She herself visits these floating chapels from time to time and looks after the instruction of the girls in sewing and cooking. Therefore she is immensely popular among the river and canal people.

The empress has personally arranged

with many ladies of the court to take part in this work of teaching the children useful household arts. For example, Fraulein von Arnim, a member of a distinguished German family of that name, and Frau von Buddo, the widow of the late minister of railways, are among those who are working the Berlin canal district. The chapel is made a social center, a sort of club where men, women and children may meet each other any day during the week, as well as at service on Sundays.

Marriage Laws Modified.

The chapels are provided with small libraries and the government has relaxed

the regulations concerning marriage which usually requires rather lengthy notice in the parish churches. In the case of canal people who may be near the chapel one week, but in another part of Germany the next, the period is reduced to less than a week. The empress is also a patron of a service held each Sunday afternoon in the forest of Jungfernhäide, near Berlin.

One-quarter of all the traffic in the empire is carried in barges on the internal waterways and the number of people engaged in this work with their families, exceeds 150,000. About one-half of the boatmen have homes, where they

leave their families and return to see them now and then. The other half live with their families on their boats, which they own, leading a wandering life, polishing their boats, when a cargo is not to be found in one place, to another as homeless as hoboes.

The 400 to 600-ton canal boat has two living rooms aft, a kitchen and a general cabin. The ordinary type of living room is 12 feet 8 inches long, 6 feet 8 inches wide and 5 feet 8 inches high. The cabin contains two beds, a sofa, a table, two chairs and a wardrobe. It usually houses four to six persons. Pastor William Krause of the Berlin mission found the

other day six children in one of these cabins.

Life on the canals is one of vicissitudes; exposure to weather, frequent accidents, wearisome waiting during low water and fearfully hard work during the busy season. One of the most painful spectacles of labor in Germany is that of two barge-men pulling a coal or stone laden boat. Bent double, the long pole, with a crutch-like handle pressed against their shoulders, they push with every ounce of strength. Sometimes they are able only to win against the current inch by inch, yet this struggle with short intervals, often continues for four-

teen, sixteen, even eighteen hours. The skin on the shoulders of these men thickens up something like the soles of the feet, owing to the constant pressure and friction. During winter months, however, the canal boats are often tied up in the basins by the fifties or the hundreds, and considerable gaily is to be found among the canal people. There are balls and a variety of parties. The men play much at cards. It is during the winter season also that the work of instruction is carried on to the best advantage. And now and again, a wedding party brings all the barge folk out in gala attire.

SECRETS OF GRAND JURY "TIPPED" OFF

Woman Testifies She Was Told in Advance About Cashier's Indictment.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Charges that secrets of the federal grand jury room were being "tipped off" to interested parties, made before Judge Kenesaw M. Landis of the United States district court, caused him to suspend a case he was hearing and demand that the charges be sustained at once. The man accused of being the "tipster" is Charles E. Dewdney, division superintendent of the bureau of investigation of the department.

The accusation was made by John E. Brown, counsel for Mrs. Allen Christopher, a witness against the paying brick trust. She was in court to show why she had refused to bring certain evidence and documents before the grand jury, as requested by the United States district attorney. Her answer, by her attorney, was that she feared the evidence would be exposed to the persons interested, and Dewdney was the man she accused.

Mrs. Christopher testified that Dewdney came to her at Portage, Wis., to get certain information and was told her of the secret information, which later resulted in the indictment of former Cashier Fitzgerald of the federal sub-treasury on charges of theft of \$175,000.

Judge Landis directed that this be stricken from the record.

Attorney Brown said: "The reason we feared to give the grand jury this information was that other testimony before the grand jury had been taken off to the brick trust by the head of the department making the investigation."

REBEL ARMY WELL ARMED AND TRAINED

Associated Press Correspondent Pays Visit to One Camp of Rebels.

By Associated Press.

CHIHUAHUA, Dec. 9, via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—The federal troops and those of the insurgents, or pronunciados as they prefer to be designated, are some forty miles apart. The federal soldiers are at Carreteras, a hamlet off the railroad in the vicinity of Santa Isabel, west of El Paso.

The location is known from several reliable sources. They are awaiting a considerable augmentation of their numbers to make a surrounding movement possible.

It is a fact that the insurgente army now operating west of this city numbers approximately 1000 well-equipped men.

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WALSH PROPERTY SOLD

AND DIVIDEND DECLARED

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A 10 per cent dividend was declared today on the indebtedness incurred by the Associated Bankers of Chicago, which failed five years ago. The disbursement was authorized by the clearing house committee, but every bar in the score shows that the atmosphere of the period was adequately painted into natural pictures.

Mme. Emma Destina sang the soprano part of Minnie, the girl; Enrico Caruso was Johnson, her lover, while Sheriff Jack Stone, full to America, the baritone, and Dini Gilly was Sonora. All the cast seemed to breathe the free, venturesome spirit of the early days in the Sierras.

The story of the girl, well known through the drama of that name, suffers little change in the opera, which opens with a few emphatic phrases of orchestration, embodying one of the most striking motifs of the opera.

Puccini in the second act laid in Minnie's cabin, where Sheriff Rancho discovered the wounded Johnson, who is in reality the wounded robber, Ramirez, found a dramatic situation which he realized with power. Minnie plays the sheriff a game of poker for Johnson's life or death, cheats the officer with concealed cards, and wins.

A California forest is the scene of this third act. Here Minnie finally saves Johnson from hanging by an appeal to the miners, who in the past had loved her and been befriended by her. Then, with Johnson, the girl departs through the forests to their new life, and the music dies away in farewells.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It is the intention of the treasury department, if congress authorizes, to abandon the assay office at St. Louis, which the mint considers no longer necessary. Other assay offices, among them the one at Charlotte, N. C., and even some of the mints, may fall under the axe of economy, if present plans become laws.

When the first gold was discovered in the United States in 1820, a branch mint was located at Charlotte, in the heart of the treasure district.

When in 1849 the great gold fields of the west were developed, the Charlotte mint declined and finally reached the class of an assay office, and for some time has done little business.

SALT LAKE FIREMEN WARMLY PRAISED

Work of the Local Department in Gas Plant Fire Is Highly Appreciated.

By Associated Press.

When a coke bin at the plant of the Utah Gas and Coke company caught fire Friday afternoon, there was naturally much alarm for fear of a deadly explosion, should the flames get beyond control.

That the splendid work of the Salt Lake firemen in cutting off the danger within a few minutes after their arrival is duly appreciated by those most interested, is shown by the following letter, which speaks for itself.

Dec. 10, 1910.

William H. Glor, Esq., Chief Salt Lake City Fire Department, Salt Lake City, Utah:

"Dear Sir:—The promptness of your force in arriving at our plant last evening (the 9th inst.) and the good work performed in so quickly gaining control of the fire, are to be commended. I desire to express the appreciation of the Utah Gas and Coke company, and of myself, for the satisfactory manner in which it was handled.

"I enclose herewith please find check for \$50, which I will be glad to have you add to the beneficial fund of the Firemen's Relief association.

Yours very truly,

JOHN CHAS. ROSS,

General Manager."

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Women of Woodcraft.

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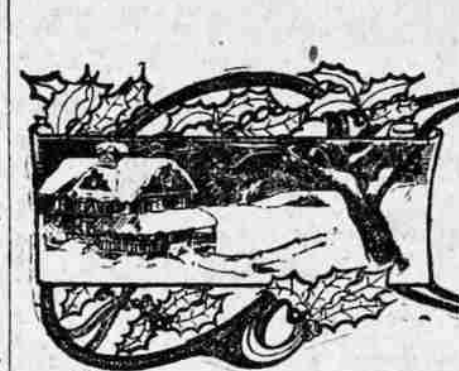
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